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Inventor : Sabine Steck, et al.
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Examiner : Jack S. J. Chen

Cust. No. : 24131 Docket No. : 1999P2607

Title : Trench with Buried Plate and Method for its

Production

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 7, 2003, kindly replace the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Applicant's September 22, 2003 Amendment to the above-identified application with the following: